

Housing First/Housing/Rapid Re-housing

What is it?

Meeting a basic need

Housing is a basic need and through an accessible housing program advocates can support a survivor's sense of self-empowerment in accomplishing their goals.

Why is it important?

Access to safety and autonomy

When a survivor of domestic violence chooses to leave their abusive partner, access to safe and affordable housing is one of the most significant barriers they will have to overcome. Financial assistance, housing programs and cooperative landlords give survivors the support they need to be independent. Housing programs can provide critical services for survivors and are often a key component in helping survivors find safety and stability.

Is this required?

Yes!

Specificity depends on your grant; however, a critical component of advocacy work is supporting access to sustainable housing for survivors and their children.

How do we make it happen?

Relationships and resources

Provide flexible housing accommodations and consider the strengths and limitations of your housing programs and funding sources. Also assess your relationships with community housing partners and landlords. Consider funding options for survivors who need to flee for safety reasons but want to stay in the same house.